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REMARKS

Applicants are in receipt of the Examiner's Action of January 19, 2006 in which she rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,747,114 to *Karandinos et al.*; rejected claims 1 and 4 as obvious in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,069 to *Zhou et al.* and U.S. Publication No. 20020123538 to *Zhou et al.* Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and respond as follows.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to add step (d) which recites, "amorphous polymer segments and semi-crystalline polymer segments." Support for this amendment can be found, among other places, on page 15, paragraph 53.

§ 102(e) Rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,747,114 to *Karandinos et al.*

Applicants assert that the material disclosed in *Karandinos et al.* does not anticipate the instant claims for at least the reason that the material disclosed in the *Karandinos et al.* reference does not teach the amorphous and semi-crystalline segments of polymer of the instant claims, as amended. The amorphous and semi-crystalline segments are each produced by different catalyst. The *Karandinos* reference only teaches the use of a single catalyst, which cannot produce the claimed amorphous and semi-crystalline segments. Therefore *Karandinos et al.* does not anticipate the claimed material. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims.

§ 103(a) Rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,774,069 to *Zhou et al.* and U.S. Publication No. 20020123538 to *Zhou et al.*

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 as obvious in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,069 to *Zhou et al.* and U.S. Publication No. 20020123538 to *Zhou et al.* (collectively, "the *Zhou* references"). Particularly, the Examiner states that "*Zhou* teaches a hot-melt adhesive

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would expedite prosecution of the instant application, she is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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